

State of Alaska Department of Natural Resources Division of Forestry Delta Area
Notice of Timber Sale under AS 38.05.945 & AS 38.05.035(e)

The State of Alaska, Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry, gives notice under A.S. 38.05.945 that **certain timber will be sold on October 14, 2013** at the Delta Area Office, **Mile 267 ½ Richardson Highway**, Delta Junction, AK. The Director of the Division of Forestry has made a written finding under A.S. 38.05.035(e) that the sales will be in the best interest of the State.

These timber sales are accessed via the Pogo Mine Road. Access to inspect these timber sales must be coordinated with the Delta Area office and Pogo Security. Please call the Delta Area Office for information and access requirements.

The Division of Forestry, Delta Area, as part of its forest management program will offer the following timber sale(s) for competitive **Oral Auction Bid at 10:00 a.m. October 14, 2013:**

NC-1506-D, Glacier Creek Fire Salvage #1 (24.9 acres): is for all timber designated on the ground for harvest by the Division within the: NW^{1/4} SE^{1/4}, NE^{1/4} SW^{1/4} Section 6 Township 7 South Range 10 East Fairbanks Meridian. The Division estimates 945.8 CCF of white spruce fuelwood 4.0"+ DBH, 184.2 CCF of white spruce sawtimber, and 98 CCF of Birch fuelwood is designated within the two designated sale units. This sale shall be a SCALED sale. The minimum acceptable bid value per Species/Product is: White Spruce Fuelwood \$15.62/CCF, White Spruce Sawtimber \$31.25/CCF, Birch Fuelwood \$19.53/CCF. The contract will expire three (3) years from date of execution. An initial bid deposit of \$2,000.00 is required. Performance bonding required prior to the execution of the contract is set at \$2,500.00 or 10% of the bid price whichever is greater. Access begins at approx. 12.5 mile Pogo Rd. Approximately 0.25 miles of new road construction is required to access the sale area. Additionally, 1.0 miles of Dozer fire line constructed during the Gilles Creek Fire (2010) will require minor reconstruction to access the timber sale units. All right of way timber will be included in the sale volume.

The Division of Forestry, Delta Area, as part of its forest management program will offer the following timber sale(s) for competitive **Sealed Bid at 2:00 p.m. October 14, 2013:**

NC-1507-D, 17 Mile Fuelwood #2 (28.7 acres): is for all timber designated on the ground for harvest by the Division within the: SW^{1/4} SE^{1/4} Section 2 Township 7 South Range 10 East Fairbanks Meridian. The Division estimates 115 Cords of white spruce Fuelwood 4.0"+ DBH is designated within the sale unit. Additional dead and dry Aspen volume approximately 30 Cords is available for harvest upon the purchaser's request. This sale is a LUMP-SUM sale. Minimum acceptable bid amount for NC-1507-D is: \$2,300.00. An initial bid deposit of \$1,500.00 is required. The contract will expire Two (2) years from the date of contract execution. Performance bonding required prior to the execution of the contract is set at \$2,500.00 or 10% of the bid price whichever is greater. No new road construction is required to access the sale area.

NC-1508-D, Pinwell Birch #1 (13 acres): is for all timber designated on the ground for harvest by the Division within the: SE^{1/4} NW^{1/4} and NE^{1/4} SW^{1/4} Section 32 Township 6 South Range 10 East Fairbanks Meridian. The Division estimates 170 Cords of Birch and 15 Cords of Spruce Fuelwood 4.0"+ DBH is designated for harvest within the sale unit. This sale is a LUMP-SUM sale. Minimum acceptable bid amount for NC-1508-D is: \$4,550.00. An initial bid deposit of \$1,500.00 is required. Performance bonding required prior to the execution of the contract is set at \$2,500.00 or 10% of the bid price whichever is greater. No new road construction is required to access the sale area. Access begins at approx. MP 13.5, Pinwell Logging Rd, on the Pogo Rd. Sale boundary is located approx. 1.5 miles from the Pogo Rd. The contract will expire Two (2) years from the date of contract execution. A Joint Road Use Agreement (requiring bonding) may also be required for sale NC-1508-D and NC-1509-D.

NC-1509-D, Pinwell FW #3 (11.3 acres): is for all timber designated on the ground for harvest by the Division within the: SW^{1/4} and SE^{1/4} NW^{1/4} Section 33 Township 6 South Range 10 East Fairbanks Meridian. The Division estimates 52 Cords of white spruce 4.0"+ DBH and 25 Cords of Aspen Fuelwood is designated for harvest within the sale unit. This sale is a LUMP-SUM sale. Minimum acceptable bid amount for NC-1508-D is: \$1,184.26. An initial bid deposit of \$1,500.00 is required. Performance bonding required prior to the execution of the contract is set at \$2,500.00 or 10% of the bid price whichever is greater. No new

road construction is required to access the sale area. Access begins at approx. MP 13.5, Pinwell Logging Rd, on the Pogo Rd. Sale boundary is located approx. 2.5 miles from the Pogo Rd. The contract will expire TWO (2) year(s) from the date of contract execution. A Joint Road Use Agreement (requiring bonding) may also be required for sale NC-1508 and 1509.

Pursuant to AS 38.05.945(a)(e) this notice is intended to inform the public that the Division of Forestry has made a final determination under AS 38.05.035(e) that this timber sale is in the best interest of the State and has decided to initiate these forest management actions. The public is invited to review the decision documents. Copies of the decision documents, including the prospectus, sample contract, cruise information, appraisals, bid forms and the Director's written decision under A.S. 38.05.035(e) and other pertinent information are available at the Delta Area Office at Mile 267 ½ Richardson Highway, Delta Junction, Alaska 99737 or by mail. You may call the Delta Office for information at 895-4225. Decision documents may also be viewed on the Division of Forestry's website: <http://forestry.alaska.gov/timber/delta.htm#contract>).

The State neither expressly nor implicitly warrants its quantity estimate, or the quality or marketability of the timber sold. Prospective bidders should visit the site and evaluate the timber before bidding. The State neither expressly nor implicitly warrants its improvement estimates. Estimates are used only to establish the minimum bid. Each operator is required to estimate his own costs and bid accordingly. The performance bond, plus any project or road bonds will be in the form of cash or certificate of deposit.

To qualify for bidding, all bidders must, prior to the auction, submit a **current Alaska Business License** and the minimum sale deposit specified above, in the form of cash, certified check, cashier's check, money order, or any combination thereof, payable to the State of Alaska, Department of Natural Resources. **Personal checks will not be accepted for the sale deposit.** If bidding as an agent for an individual, partnership, or corporation, prior to the start of bidding, the agent must present a notarized power-of-attorney authorizing such agency to the auctioneer. No agent may represent more than one principal, or bid in competition with the agent's principal.

Sealed Bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope containing a completed and signed bid form (10-2102 available at the Delta Area office or at <http://forestry.alaska.gov/timber/delta.htm#contract>) and a 10% bid deposit of the sale value or \$1,500.00, whichever is greater, for each sale bid upon. The envelope must be marked with the sale number (NC number) and the bidder's name. **Proof of Commercial Auto Liability (per AS 19.10.300) and Workers' Compensation Insurance (per AS 23.30.045) is required prior to operations commencing on the Timber Sale contract.**

The State reserves the right to reject any or all bids. The State also reserves the right to waive technical defects in this advertisement in the best interest of the State. Unless all bids are rejected, the State will award the sale to the responsible qualified bidder offering the highest total bid value for the specified timber sale. The successful bidder's bid deposit will forfeit to the State as liquidated damages, and the successful bidder will lose all claim to the contract, if the bidder does not execute the contract, and furnish a satisfactory performance bond within 30 days of receipt of the contract for execution and/or provide proof of required Insurance Certificates to the Division of Forestry before commencing operations on the Timber Sale contract. If no qualified bid is received within the time specified during the auction, the Division of Forestry may offer the sale for purchase over-the-counter; without re-advertisement and for not less than the advertised minimum bid.

The State of Alaska, Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry, complies with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Individuals with disabilities who may need help with bidding should contact the Delta Area Forester at 895-4225 no later than **Friday, October 11, 2013** to make any necessary arrangements.

Al Edgren, Delta Area Forester